

The Convicting Voice of the Valiant Christian (Mark 6:14-29)

Proposition: We can draw out of this text, guidelines for living such a valiant Christian life that the Holy Spirit can speak conviction into the lives of lost souls around us.

- I. There Was A Single Consistency In Their Presentation (Vs.14)
 - A. There Was A Consistency In Multitude (Vs. 14a-b)
 - B. There Was A Consistency In Message (Vs. 16)
- II. There Was A Sure Cost For Their Preaching (Ch 1:6; 6:15-16)
 - A. Their Was A Cost In Their Living
 - B. Their Was The Cost Of Their Lives
- III. There Was A Searing Conviction Upon The Person (Vs. 20-29)
 - A. There Was A Commencement Of Conviction (Vs. 20)
 - B. There Was A Corruption Of Conviction (Vs. 26)

The great reformer martyr Hugh Latimer, before his death was appointed as Bishop of Worcester in the reign of Henry 8th and it was the custom in those days for each new Bishop to make presents to the King on New Year's Day. Latimer went with the rest of his Bishop Brethren to make the usual offering, but instead of a purse of gold, Latimer presented nothing with a New Testament in which there was a leaf, a page doubled down to this passage Hebrews 13:4 Whore mongers and adulterers God will judge. In that historical scene ~~standing~~ before a King having six wives, Hugh Latimer was very much like John the Baptist in our text tonight. He was filling the role of a fearless man of God making a clear and convicting statement concerning God's expectations. This is very much the role of every preacher pastor evangelist missionary to fearlessly valiantly deliver the message of God. But also an application can be made in all our Christian lives. We are to ~~be~~ gospel the Gospel. I believe we can I.

There was a Single Consistency in Their Presentation - vs 14 One of my favorite messages is one preached by Dr Jerry Vines called, Old preachers never Die. There were old video clips of hexagon preachers R G Leen W A Criswell who sends

A. There was a consistency in ~~Multitude~~ that it wasn't as though Herod went out to hear Jesus. No it was the word of his fame that reached his ears. It must have been the same when he first heard of John the Baptist. No King would have cause to go down to the Jordan to hear some wild dressed desert dweller rant and rave a heart repentance except it be for his fame. Probably no popular fame. He should have this reproach of Christ and have this consistent. All "Lunch, Pizza, Gluttony ^{too} a sin"

B. There was a consistency in Message - Not only the multitude but mainly the message when He heard. vs. 16. It was that message - that message of truth. Ch 3/4 - John did... vs 12 in Ch 6 we have Jesus disciples preaching repentance. It was close enough to cause Herod to think John was up out of the grave. Tom Hayes used to tune pianos. He said that some times he would be tuning a piano and strike a note and the same note on another piano would sound. They were on the same consistent wave length. One tuning fork is the key of

11. There was a Sure Cost for their preaching. If we are going to propagate a consistent pure message for Christ, we are sure to incur a cost along the way. Matt 16:24. Salvation is the free gift of God, but there is a cost of believing Christ.

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- 2) ...who sounded as if they were preaching just the other day. Why? There was a consistency in what they were saying! When Herod heard of Jesus and his consistency with John, he should have thought John was back from the dead. This is a consistency that we should all strive for.

1) ...Christian life. It will cost you some friends, some status, some luxuries. But our lives are not our own any more. They have been purchased by Christ and we are not compelled by such sacrifices to yield up our pleasures and temporal satisfactions and deny ourselves and follow him.

- 3) Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.
- 4) ...is the word of God. We all come in here three times a week to be tuned to it so that when we go out into the world and make a consistent sound for the kingdom of God. The problem with much of Christianity today is that our message is so out of tune with one another. Randy Bane and tent ropes: Tie it where it's been tied. Not tighter or looser. Consistent!

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A. There was a Cost in Their Living -
This John that Herod recalled was a man whose daily life was ~~separate~~ different ~~concentrated~~ from those around them. Remember in Chapter 1 He didn't dress in the soft raiment of other orators of his day. He looked like a prophet. He ate different things, he didn't have the ~~appetites~~ ^{appetites} of this world. Following God cost him something. Jesus was ~~ostracized~~ ^{ostracized} by ~~have~~ ^{have} to ~~own~~ ^{own} rejection by religious community. no place to lay head ^{it costs}
I will not paint a luxurious picture of Christ's life.

B. There Was the Cost of Their Lives - vs 15-16
It not only cost them some discomfort and lack to have a consistent message, but in the case of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ, they paid for their message with their death. Herod had John the Baptist beheaded. Jesus was ultimately crucified for the truth. Do you really think this world is going to raise you on their shoulders and cheer you on like a hero for the truth you tell. No. Old preacher advised me that when I preach a message I ought

III. There was a Seering Conviction upon the Person
I want you to notice some things here. We can speak the truth, be consistent pay the price of shame and degradation and still not completely reach one for Christ.

A. I hear was a ~~commencement of Herodias~~
Vs 20 - The integrity and honesty of
John's message rang clear in the ears
of Herod. Herod seemed to be coming
around he continually did many things.
One author said that the message
of John the Baptist peeked the spiritual
curiosity of Herod, it tantalized
and fascinated him but yet as one author
put it... Just because a person comes
cries sore tears, rearranges something
outwardly, does not mean there is an inward ^{change}.

B. ~~Corruption of Conscience~~ - We read
the story. The daughter of Herodias
dances before Herod. Arouse intralled
by the sensual seductive tease he
beasts in front of guests as if what
ever you want up to 1/2. She goes to
Herodias, Head of John Baptist, Vs 6
We don't see this word again until Gethsemane
& Jesus. But his ego & pride caused the
connection to be corrupted and cast
out the window. Just because we have
consistencies & consecrated ³ does not mean they

IV. ~~Clares~~ - Hugh Latimer was later
burned at the stake for his stance on the word
of God. He said to the companion burning
with him!... A Conquering Voice of the
Valiant Christian. What are guidelines? ^{Conscience} ^{ala}
Does not save.

1) He lived and operated both in his private life, his personal life, and his political career on the basest of all levels.

2) ...mean they will be dragged in to the kingdom of God.

3) *Latimer - Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out.*